IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
		:	Examiner: T. Ponikiewski
TSUYOSHI KUROKI)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 2165
Application No.: 10/779,690)	
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Filed: February 18, 2004)	
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For:	INFORMATION)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: